could not make definite proposals before the Budget was placed before the Finance Committee. I wish to know what was the cause of this delay.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did not come to any definite conclusion about the matter as to whether it was urgently necessary or not.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): So, the urgency was felt only after the meeting of the Finance Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Action taken on petition from Rev. Fr. D. C. Antony.

61. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what further action was taken on the petition of Rev. Fr. D. C. Antony as per Huzur Cutcherry letter D. Dis. No. 301 of 28/P. W., dated 16-3-1928, for opening an approach road to Asaripallam Village in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have not taken any further action in the matter as the interested parties have not given the undertakings asked for, as conditions precedent to the opening of the approach road, – *viz.*, interested parties should surrender the lands free of compensation, pay the cost of such lands as will have to be acquired and give an undertaking to meet all further amounts awarded by the Land Acquisition Officer or by Civil Courts.

Road to Asaripallam village.

62. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether steps have been taken to open a road to Asaripallam village and the other neighbouring villages in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 61.

Reorganisation of the Secretariat.

63. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Secretariat reform of 1106 was effected; and

(*b*) the date of the Budget Session of the year 1105 in which it was discussed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no regular reform of the Secretariat during 1106 except certain changes in respect of the Secretaries and the Assistant Secetaries. This change was effected on 5-1-1106.

(*b*) The question was not discussed in the Budget Session of the year 1105.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I request the Secretary to read a little louder?

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